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REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since no new claims or issues are raised and the only claim amendments incorporate allowable subject matter into the two remaining rejected claims.

Claims 1-7 and 10-19 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-7 and 10-17 are allowed.

It is noted that Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

With respect to the prior art rejections, claims 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,477,372 to Otting et al., further in view of U.S. Patent 6,766,169 to Cooper.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejection of record, in an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 18 and 19 have been amended above to incorporate subject matter understood as allowable, thereby rendering most this rejection.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-7 and 10-19, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a <u>telephonic or personal interview</u>.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit

any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (571) 273-8300 this Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 to Examiner A. Balaoing on July 27, 2007.

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